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REF: GUATEMALA 3276

1. THERE FOLLOWS AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF A SIECA PRESS  
RELEASE DATED JUNE 8 ON CENTRAL AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN  
THE MTN:

(A) "THE CA VICE MINISTERS OF ECONOMY MET IN GUATEMALA  
AT SIECA'S OFFICES ON JUNE 1 AND 2.

(B) "THE PURPOSE OF THIS EXTRAORDINARY MEETING WAS TO  
DECIDE ON ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY THE CACM IN THE FINAL  
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STAGE OF MTN BEING HELD AT GENEVA WITHIN GATT AND  
PURSUANT TO THE TOKYO DECLARATION.

(C) "THIS MEETING WAS CONVOKED BY SIECA, COMPLYING  
WITH THE MANDATE OF THE GOVERNMENTS, IN ORDER THAT  
THE VICE MINISTERS EXAMINE, DURING A SPECIAL MEETING,  
FORIEGN TRADE POLICY MATTERS OF VITAL INTEREST TO THE

REGION, PARTICULARLY THOSE RELATED TO THE MTN.

EXTENSIVE ANALYSIS

(D) "BASED ON DCUMENTS PREPARED BY SIECA AND THE REPORTS OF THE MEETINGS HELD IN GENEVA BETWEEN THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FIVE GOVERNMENTS ACCREDITED THERE AND SPOKESMEN FROM JAPAN AND THEEUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, RESPECTIVELY, AS WELL AS THE REPORT OF THE LAST TECHNICAL CONVERSATIONS HELD ON THIS MATTER WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ON MAY 24 AT SIECA'S OFFICES, THE VICE MINISTERS ADOPTED IMPORTANT DECISIONS FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF THE CACM IN THE LAST STAGE OF SAID NEGOTIATIONS. THE VICE MINISTERS ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT THE GOVERNMENTS TEMPORARILY AUGMENT THE CENTRAL AMERICAN PERMANENT MISSION AT GENEVA.

(E) "AS A RESULT OF THE MEETING, THE GOVERNMENTS AGREED TO SELECT A GROUP OF PRODUCTS, FROM THE LISTS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED, WHICH ARE CONSIDERED TO BE OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE AND INTEREST TO THE REGION. AND AS A RESULT OF THESE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THEFIVE COUNTRIES AND SIECA, THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES AT GENEVA MAY PRESENT TO THE GATT SECRETARIAT A CONSOLIDATED LIST OF PRODUCTS THAT CA INSISTS BE NEGOTIATED WITH THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

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CUSTOMS TARIFF RECIPROCITY:

(F) "THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING ALSO STUDIED THE REQUEST BY SOME COUNTRIES AND BLOCS OF COUNTRIES FOR CUSTOMS TARIFF RECIPROCITY; THE VICE MINISTERS BEGAN DISCUSSION OF A POSSIBLE CACM CONTRIBUTION TO MTN, A CONTRIBUTION REFERRED TO IN RESOLUTION NO. 17 OF THE SECOND JOINT MEETING OF MINISTERS OF ECONOMY AND OF AGRICULTURE OF CENTRAL AMERICA.

(C) "THE VICE MINISTERS CONSIDER IT TO BE OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE THAT CENTRAL AMERICAN OFFICIALS AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL BE PRESENT AT GENEVA AT THIS STAGE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

POSSIBLE ADHESION TO GATT

(H) "IN ADDITON, IN THE LIGHT OF THE CURRENT SITUATION AND THE CHANGES IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE, IT WAS STATED DURING THE MEETING THAT THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF GATT WOULD CONTINUE TO STUDY

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND WOULD DECIDE  
AT A LATER DATE ON WHAT POLICY TO FOLLOW REGARDING  
THEIR ADHESION TO GATT."

2. COPIES OF RESOLUTION 17 REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH  
1 (F) HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO KNEPPER (MTN) AND FINNERTY  
(EB/OT/GCP).

3. JORGE LUIS BORRAYO, ADVISOR TO THE GUATEMALAN  
CENTRAL BANK, HAS INFORMED US THAT THE AND ENRIQUE  
BETANCOURT, ALSO OF CENTRAL BANK, WILL REPRESENT GUA-  
TEMALA IN MINISTERIAL LEVEL CA DELEGATION TO MTN PLANNING  
TO ARRIVE AT GENEVA ON JUNE 18. WE HAVE ADVISED BORRAYO  
OF CONTENTS OF STATE 140975. NEW GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT  
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WILL BE INAUGURATED ON JULY 1 AND CURRENT LAME DUCK  
VICE MINISTER OF ECONOMY WILL NOT RPT NOT ATTEND  
GENEVA SESSION.

4. RODOLFO TREJOS, SIECA DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL,  
AND HAROLDO RODAS OF SIECA'S COMMERCIAL POLICY  
DIVISION WILL ALSO ACCOMPANY AUGMENTED CA DELEGATION  
TO GENEVA.  
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